

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1102 - SB 1281

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a person to operate a two-wheeled vehicle between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction on any street, road, or highway if the speed of traffic moving in the same direction is 45 miles per hour or less, the two-wheeled vehicle is operated at a rate not to exceed the minimum posted speed limit of the street, road, or highway, and the two-wheeled vehicle is not operated within a marked school zone when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Possible increases in state and federal expenditures if any person is involved in an accident that would not have occurred under current law, the person suffers injuries, and that person either has medical insurance through TennCare or no medical insurance through another provider. Any such increased expenditures are unknowable and dependent upon factors specific to any such accident.

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety confirms this bill will have no fiscal impact on departmental operations.
- The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) reports a potential increase in the number of accidents that may occur as a result of this bill.
- The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon several unknown factors such as the extent of accidents that will occur, whether any such accident would have occurred under current law or as a direct result of the bill, whether any such person involved in an accident suffered any injuries, the extent of any injuries suffered, the timing of when any such accidents or injuries occur, whether or not they have medical insurance, and whether any such medical insurance is through a private or public provider.
- If an individual is involved in an accident only as a result of the bill, and the individual suffers an injury, and the person is a TennCare enrollee or does not have insurance, or the sustains injuries that lead to TennCare eligibility, there could be a significant increase in state and federal expenditures. While costs vary depending on factors specific to each accident, TennCare expenditures receive a federal match rate of 65.035 percent.

CERTIFICATION:

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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